

MOTHER PATER'S PUMPKIN.

Long ago, in a year when pumpkins were very cheap, and sugar cost but little, and butter was not more than twelve cents a pound, Thanksgiving Day approached.

On the outskirts of a small village there lived at that time an old woman named Mother Pater. In her garden was a pumpkin vine, on which had grown quite a number of pumpkins; but as the old lady only desired two of these vegetables, she had picked off all the rest when they were but little green things.

candidate for Congress from his district in Indiana. During the early parts of the story, the Era had denunciations of Daniel Webster's speech at the opening of the Erie Railroad, and an attack on A. Oakey Hall for a slander on Kosuth, as the poor exile was on his way to our shores.

After three months this editorial notice appeared: "Uncle Tom's Cabin.—We receive letters by every mail inquiring whether 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' will be published in book form after its completion in the paper."

Little exuberant notices like this occasionally appeared, but while the merits of the story were manifest to all its readers, the story was manifest to all its readers, the story was manifest to all its readers, the story was manifest to all its readers.

Two or three things seem to be evident about this story—that it grew unconsciously, and told itself by the same sort of process that India rubber stretches. The weekly cry for copy kept the writer up to work, and several weeks she failed to come to time with her chapters; and also that its business interests were managed with genuine shrewdness.

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